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## SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**EVENT:** **National Night Out**

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, August 7, 2007 / 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Santa Clara, California

**DETAILS:**

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. neighbors throughout Santa Clara are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the **"24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out"** crime prevention celebration. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Santa Clara Police Department, will involve over 9,700 communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 22 million people are expected to participate. In Santa Clara, approximately 30 Neighborhood Watch and other groups will hold gatherings, each receiving a visit from Police Department staff and/or City officials.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and community-police relations; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Chief of Police Steve Lodge said, "This is yet another example of the neighborhood unity, civic pride, and police/community partnership that makes Santa Clara a great place to live, work, and play."

This is **Santa Clara's tenth year** participating in this nationwide (and beyond) event. Please join the Santa Clara Police Department in this year's fun in giving crime and drugs a going away party. Neighbors are being asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening out with their neighbors and police.

For more information, please contact **Jamie Caron** in the Community Services/Crime Prevention Unit at **(408) 615-4876** or email [jcaron@ci.santa-clara.ca.us](mailto:jcaron@ci.santa-clara.ca.us).

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